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## LIST OF EARTHQUAKES IN CALIFORNIA.

The United States Geological Survey has published the following *Bulletins*, containing lists of earthquakes felt on the Pacific Coast:

Bulletin No. 68.—Earthquakes in California in 1889. By J. E. KEELER. 1890. 8vo., 25 pages. Price, 5 cents.

Bulletin No. 95.—Earthquakes in California in 1890 and 1891. By E. S. HOLDEN. 1892. 8vo., 31 pages. Price, 5 cents.

Bulletin No. 112.—Earthquakes in California in 1892. By C. D. PERRINE. 1893. 8vo., 57 pages. Price, 10 cents.

Copies of these *Bulletins* can be had by addressing the Chief Clerk, United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. Remittance should be made only by Postal note, money-order, or currency.

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## MERIDIAN CIRCLE OBSERVATIONS AT MADISON.

In Vol. VIII of the *Publications of the Washburn Observatory*, of the University of Wisconsin, are given the results of the meridian circle observations made in the years 1888 to 1890.

The introduction to the volume, by the Director, George C. Comstock, gives a compact and finished discussion of all of the details of the methods of observing, and of the reductions. The observations were in charge of Professor S. J. Brown, U. S. N., who was invited by the Director to go to Madison in order to carry on a series of observations, originally planned for the meridian circle at Annapolis, while the work of the Naval Observatory at Washington was interrupted by the change of location. Professor Brown, with Mr. Albert S. Flint and Mr. H. V. Egbert, took part in the observing, two persons being engaged at once.

The plan of work included the determination of the positions of all the "additional stars" of Auwers' Fundamental Catalogue, in terms of the "principal stars" of that system.

Five observations in each position of the instrument were to be obtained; and five additional, in each position, for the circumpolar stars at lower culmination.

All stars south of  $60^{\circ}$  Declination were used for the Right Ascension determinations, for m and  $\Delta T$ ; and for azimuth, or n,